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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 20

REF: A) CAPE TOWN 1224, B) USUN 2559, C) USUN 2561,
D) USUN 2512

1. THE CONTACT GROUP CONSIDERED PM JUNE 20 THE IMPENDING
SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT (REF A) OF JUNE 26 AS THE
STARTING DATE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN
NAMIBIA. DESPITE THE GROUP'S FRUSTRATION WITH SOUTH
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AFRICA'S DETERMINATION TO MOVE AHEAD UNILATERALLY ON
VOTER REGISTRATION, THE GROUP AGREED THAT NOTHING
FURTHER REGARDING REGISTRATION SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE
TALKING POINTS FOR BOTHA (REF B), (REVISED REF C).
THOSE TALKING POINTS ALREADY CITE "THE INITIATION OF
THE PROCESS OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION" AS ONE OF THE
"ACTIONS WHICH SOUTH AFRICA HAS TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO

ACCEPTING THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL (WHICH) HAVE HINDERED OUR EFFORTS"; AND ANY ATTEMPT TO EMPHASIZE THIS MATTER FURTHER IN THE TALKING POINTS WOULD, IN THE GROUP'S VIEW, ONLY SUCCEED IN UNDERMINING OUR EFFORTS ON THE TROOP LOCATION QUESTION. THE GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE FIVE'S POSITION ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS ON VOTER REGISTRATION, REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO OUR JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT (REF D).

2. THE CONTACT GROUP THEN CONSIDERED WHAT INTERIM MESSAGES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE TANZANIANS AND TO SWAPO. WE AGREED THAT THE FIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM SHOULD ARRANGE FOR ONE OF THE AMBASSADORS TO INFORM MKAPA THAT: (A) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S VIEWS, WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS; AND (B) WE WILL KEEP NYERERE AND MKAPA INFORMED.

3. WITH REGARD TO SWAPO, WE AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY TO SWAPO IN LUANDA (BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, AND PREFERABLY TO NUJOMA HIMSELF) AND IN LUSAKA:

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ON JUNE 12 PRESIDENT NYERERE BRIEFED OUR FIVE AMBASSADORS IN DAR ES SALAAM ON THE OUTCOME OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT IN LUANDA. PRESIDENT NYERERE INFORMED THEM THAT THE FRONTLINE STATES AND SWAPO HAD AGREED THAT TWO ISSUES REMAIN IN THE WAY OF SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA -- NAMELY, WALVIS BAY AND THE LOCATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDUAL FORCE. HE ASKED THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS RAISE THESE TWO ISSUES WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS, AND WE ARE DOING SO.

WE WILL KEEP YOU AND PRESIDENT NYERERE INFORMED AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA.

END TALKING POINTS.

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